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CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board of Education endorses appropriate advisory committees for various district programs and activities. When it establishes a committee, the Board shall provide guidelines for membership and delineate its responsibilities, authority, and meeting requirements pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. At the October Board meeting each year, the Board shall review existing advisory committees, membership, and committee goals for the year.

The Board of Education supports and encourages development of school advisory councils in each school with the following purpose:

- Arousing the interest of citizens in educational affairs and operation of individual schools and the school system as a whole.
- Involving citizens in a meaningful way in problems and important decisions confronting their schools.
- Developing better understanding among homes, schools, and staff.
- Creating unity of action and citizen support upon which the education of students depends.

The Board of Education recommends the following guidelines in the establishment of such councils:

- That the council be open to any parent whose child is served by the school.
- That the community representation be broad.
- That consideration be given to teacher, student, parent, and non-parent representation.

The Board of Education further recommends that such councils function to:

- Offer suggestions, pose questions, problems, courses of action for study, evaluation, and action to the Principal, Superintendent, and Board of Education.
- Coordinate activities cooperatively with administration, teachers, and community.
- Provide for adequate communication of results of meetings, recommendations, and activities to all concerned.

The Board of Education will give full consideration to suggestions from such councils in order that these councils may share in the important decisions for their schools.

All committees created by the Board of Education shall follow the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act as required by statute.

Legal Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-7 through §1-21k Freedom of Information Act

PA 93-195 An Act Clarifying the Meaning of Committee under the Freedom of Information Act

Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of Education, 9/9/91)

Recommend removal in favor of simplfied language in Policy 1000